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SUBJECT: SINO-SOVIET 1976 TRADE AGREEMENT

SOVIET EMBASSY DEPUTY TRADE REPRESENTATIVE TOLD USLO MARCH 17 THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS YEAR'S SINO-SOVIET TRADE AGREEMENT, CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS, WILL CONTINUE FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER TWO MONTHS. DISCUSSIONS BEGAN IN LATE FEBRUARY WITH THE ARRIVAL OF AN 18 MEMBER DELEGATION FROM MOSCOW AND WILL END WITH THE SIGNING OF THIS YEAR'S ACCORD IN PEKING. LAST YEAR, NEGOTIATIONS DRAGGED ON FOR NEARLY FIVE MONTHS BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS IN SWITCHING FROM A SYSTEM WHICH VALUED GOODS IN "STOPPED PRICES" TO ONE USING CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PRICES FOR ITEMS EXPORTED BY BOTH COUNTRIES. THE RUSSIANS HAD EXPECTED AN EASIER TIME THIS YEAR, BUT HAVE AGAIN ENCOUNTERED WIDE DISAGREEMENTS WITH THE CHINESE ON WHAT CONSTITUTES "CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PRICES."

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